

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

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1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid chart of accounts from which an administrator can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps of:

opening an interface with an external enterprise ledger system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a given company;

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pushing from ~~an~~ said enterprise ledger system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition catalog system database;

administrator selecting from said requisition catalog system database valid accounts with descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period for said given company; and

administrator then pushing a selected

16 account/description tuple to company commodity groups
17 for use in a requisition creation process.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

Claims 4-13 [Withdrawn]

1 14. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating
4 a valid chart of accounts from which an administrator can
5 facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid
6 general ledger account, said method steps comprising:

7 opening an interface with an external enterprise ledger
8 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a given
9 company;

10 pushing from ~~an~~ said enterprise ledger system a chart
11 of accounts with descriptions to a requisition catalog
12 system database;
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14 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
15 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
16 given commodity and purchase period; and

17 administrator then pushing a selected
18 account/description tuple to company commodity groups
19 for use in a requisition creation process.

1 15. [Currently amended] A computer program product or
2 computer program element for executing the steps comprising:

3 opening an interface with an external enterprise ledger
4 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a given
5 company;

6 pushing from ~~an~~ said enterprise ledger system a chart
7 of accounts with descriptions to a requisition catalog
8 system database;

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10 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
11 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
12 given commodity and purchase period; and

13 administrator then pushing a selected

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account/description tuple to company commodity groups
for use in a requisition creation process.

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1 16. [Newly added] The program storage device of claim 14,
2 said method steps further comprising:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 17. [Newly added] The program storage device of claim 15,
2 said method steps further comprising:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

1 18. [Newly added] The computer program product or computer
2 program element of claim 15, said steps further comprising:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 19. [Newly added] The computer program product or computer
2 program element of claim 18, said steps further comprising:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and
13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

1 20. [Newly added] The method of claim 3, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;
7 responsive to administrator selection, pushing a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 to a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 21. [Newly added] The method of claim 20, said information
2 including commodity description, approvers, general ledger
3 account, route-to buyer, and preferred supplier.

1 22. [Newly added] The program storage device of claim 14,
2 said method further comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, pushing a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 to a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 23. The program storage device of claim 22, said
2 information including commodity description, approvers,
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred
4 supplier.

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